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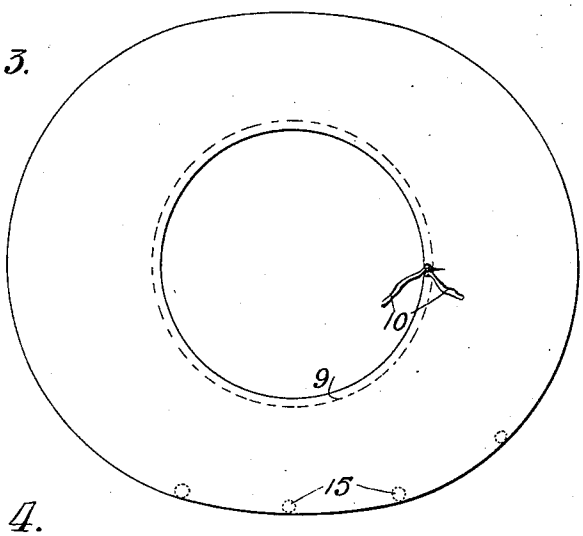

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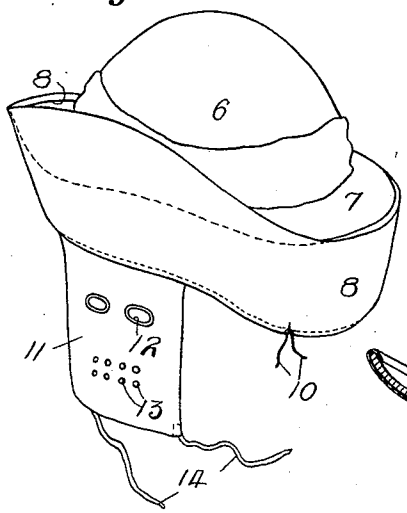

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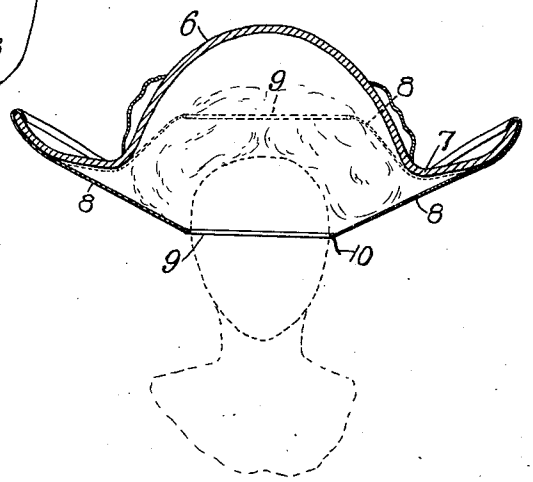

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINNIE S. TWOMBLY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combination or convertible hats for women, which may be ordinarily worn as a "dress" hat and by a simple manipulation may be transformed into a hat particularly adapted for use in automobiling or touring to protect the hair and head from dust and dirt, without any liability of disarranging the hair of the wearer and without detracting from or marring the appearance of the hat or wearer.

As is well known great difficulty is experienced by women when automobiling not only in protecting the head and hair from dust and dirt but also preventing the disarrangement of the hair by the wind. While various unbecoming head-gear has been devised for this purpose it is usually a substitute for the usual hat, such as a veil or hood, or else the hat is so constructed as to give it such an unsightly appearance that it is not practicable or desirable to wear the same as a "dress" hat to a social function should it be desired to use an automobile as a conveyance to and from the same.

It is the object of the invention to overcome the above disadvantages and to provide a hat that may be used as a "dress" or street hat having a stylish, ornamental and pleasing appearance, and which may by a simple manipulation be transformed or converted into a hat for use in automobiling to serve as a shield or covering for the head and hair of the wearer to protect it from dust and dirt, with no liability of disarranging the hair, and in some forms protect the face from the wind, but still retain the appearance of a highly pleasing and stylish hat.

In the form of the invention illustrated in the drawings the hat comprises a crown having a brim portion, the brim being provided with means which may be in the nature of a trimming to give the desired appearance to the hat, and in the present instance consists of an adjustable facing for the brim of any suitable material attached at one of its edges to the edge of the brim, the inner edge forming a central or crown opening provided with suitable shirring means. When the hat is to be worn as a "dress" hat the edge of the opening is drawn together, and as the hat is placed on the head will not only serve as a bandeau to support the hat, but also to draw the facing firmly and evenly over the surface of the brim giving the hat an ornamental and stylish appearance. Should it be desired to wear the hat when automobiling the shirring means is released, whereby the size of the crown opening is considerably increased readily permitting the slipping of the facing over the head when putting on the hat. The edge of the crown opening is now positioned or located so as to extend around the forehead, the ears and back of the neck, when the shirring means, which may be an elastic band, ribbon or tape is drawn taut maintaining it in firm and yielding engagement with the head, the facing serving as a shield or covering for the hair, and in no way detracting from the stylish or becoming appearance of the hat. Furthermore, as the facing is secured at all points with the edges of the brim it firmly retains the hat on the head. If desired the edge of the crown opening at the front of the hat may have attached thereto a mask to protect the face from the wind, which mask when the hat is worn as a "dress" hat is folded into the crown.

While I have shown my improvement in connection with a hat having a relatively large brim, it is to be understood that it may be made up of different forms or frames and different material, and should the prevailing style call for a brimless hat, or a hat having a relatively small brim, my improved means could be connected directly to the crown, as it is applicable to the crown or brim of any and all hats while retaining all of the essential features.

In the drawings accompanying and forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view of my improved hat illustrating the same as it will appear when worn as a "dress" hat. Fig. 2 is a view illustrating the hat as it will appear when worn as an automobiling or touring hat. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the facing or covering. Fig. 4 is a modification showing the hat provided with a mask to cover the face to protect it from the cutting effects of the wind; and Fig. 5 is a sectional side elevation of the hat with my improvement applied thereto, illustrat-

ing in full lines the position of the facing when the hat is worn as an automobile hat, and in dotted lines substantially the position the facing will assume when worn as a dress hat.

Similar characters of reference designate like parts throughout the different views of the drawings.

In the drawings I have shown my improvement applied to a hat consisting of a crown 6 having a brim 7 turned up at the front and sloping downward toward the rear. In this form of hat my improved means is in the nature of an adjustable facing or trimming 8 for the brim, which may be of any suitable material to enhance the appearance of and agree with the trimming of the hat. This facing conforms substantially to the face of the brim and is secured at its lateral edge to the edge of the brim with the inner end edge forming a central or crown opening, as shown in Fig. 3. The inner edge is provided with a hem 9 in which engages a suitable shirring means 10, preferably an elastic band with the free ends extending out therefrom, although this may be an endless band if desired.

When the hat is to be worn as a dress hat, the inner edge of the facing is drawn together by the shirring band leaving an opening of relatively small size which will not permit of the passage of the head, and as the hat is placed on the head the inner edge of the facing will rest on top of the head, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 5, serving as a bandeau to support the hat, and as the hat is pressed slightly downward to pin it to the hair in the usual manner the facing will be firmly and evenly drawn over the face of the brim giving the hat a highly pleasing and finished appearance, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. In the present instance I have shown the shirring means as serving to draw the facing firmly and evenly over the face of the brim when the hat is worn as a dress hat, but it will be obvious that the crown of the hat and the inner edge of the facing may be provided with additional means, such as clasps, hooks and eyes, or the like, to detachably secure said edge to the base of the crown.

Should it be desired to wear the hat on an automobiling or touring trip, the shirring band is released not only considerably increasing the size of the crown opening but permitting the facing to fall away from the brim and hang therefrom in the manner of a curtain which may be readily slipped over the head and hair when putting on the hat. The edges of the opening are then located in the desired position around the forehead, ears and back of the neck and the shirring means drawn together firmly and yieldingly maintaining the inner edge of the facing in engagement with the head when the ends of the shirring band are tucked beneath the facing. The hat will now appear substantially as shown in Fig. 2 with the hair entirely covered by the facing means thus preventing the access of any dust or dirt to the hair and without any liability of disarranging the hair, the hat still retaining the effect of a dress hat. Furthermore, as the facing is attached to the edge of the brim at all points the engagement of the inner edges around the head retains the hat firmly on the head. When the trip is ended or a stop is made and the wearer desires to arrange her hat or head-gear to present a more pleasing appearance the shirring means is released, again increasing the size of the crown opening, and as the hat is removed the facing will readily pull over the hair and head without disarranging the hair. The shirring means is now again drawn together and as the hat is placed on the head it is again given the effect of a dress hat without any suspicion that it had been altered in any way.

While it is preferable to secure the facing at all points to the edge of the brim, as by stitching, it is to be understood that the facing may be detachably secured to the brim, for which purpose the brim and the lateral edges of the facing are provided with coöperating releasable fastening means, such as a suitable snap button or the like, as shown at 15 in Fig. 2.

The inner edge of the facing at the forward portion of the hat may have attached thereto a mask 11 provided with a transparent portion, as at 12, and a breathing space which may consist of a series of orifices 13. In use the mask is pulled down over the face, bands or tapes 14 secured to the lower end of the mask passing around the neck to fasten it in place. By this means the face is entirely protected from the cutting effect of the wind. If the mask is not to be used it is folded up and inserted into the crown of the hat, as clearly shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4, or the mask may be detachable so as to be entirely removed from the facing.

Variations may be resorted to within the scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A combination hat comprising a crown having a brim; a facing for the brim having a crown opening, said facing connected at all points of its outer edge around the edge of the brim; a hem extending around the edge of the crown opening; an elastic band in said hem to draw the crown opening together, whereby in ordinary use when the hat is placed on the head the edge of the crown opening will rest upon the head and the facing will be drawn taut over the face of the brim, or the facing may be pulled

away from the brim to serve as a covering for the hair with the crown opening extending around the forehead, sides and back of the head and maintained in yielding engagement therewith by the elastic band; and a mask attached to the edge of the crown opening at the front of the hat adapted to engage over the face of the wearer, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A combination hat comprising a crown having a brim; a facing for said brim consisting of a piece of fabric having a crown opening and conforming substantially to the shape of the brim, said fabric connected at its outer edge to the edge of the brim; and yielding shirring means to draw the edge of the crown opening together and thereby drawing the facing taut over the brim; said fabric adapted to be pulled away from the face of the brim and adjusted so that the crown opening will extend around the forehead, sides and back of the head, and maintained in yielding engagement therewith by the shirring means, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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